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- 1. SENAT OFFICIALS HAVE INFORMED US THAT IN KEEPING WITH TRADITION, IT STILL WANTS TO PRESENT SMALL MEMENTO TO THE VICE PRESIDENT AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE GOLDEN BOOK CEREMONY. GIFT IS AN APPROXIMATELY 16-INCH HIGH VASE RPT VASE FROM REGUALR STOCK OF SENAT-OWNED PROCELAIN MANUFACTURING PLANT, WHICH WOULD BE PRESENTED TO THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR DISPLAY IN HIS OFFICIAL RESIDENCE.
- 2. APART FORM TRADITION OF GIVING GIFT TO VICE PRESIDENT AS SIGNER OF GOLDEN BOOK, SENAT ALSO WANTS TO GIVE VASE AS MODEST EXPRESSION OF CITY'S GRATITUDE TO VICE PRESIDENT FOR MAKING SPECIAL TRIP TO BERLIN. (FYI: IF SENAT FAILED TO PRESENT GIFT, THIS WOULD BE PICKED UP BY PRESS AND BERLINERS WOULD FIND IT STRANGE THAT VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE NOT ACCORDED SAME TREATMENT AS OTHERS SIGNERS OF GOLDEN BOOK. END FYI). FURTHERMORE, SENAT OFFICIALS ARGUE THAT BERLIN IS UNLIKE OTHER STOPS ON VICE PRESIDENT'S ITINERARY; UNIQUE NATURE OF CITY'S RELATIONSHIP TO US REQUIRES SOME GIFT AS OUTWARD MANIFESTATION OF CONFIDENTIAL

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3. SENAT OFFICIALS HAVE ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT GOVERNING MAYOR WOULD NOT RPT NOT EXPECT VICE PRESIDENT TO PRESENT GIFT IN RETURN. HOWEVER, HE AND CITY WOUDL WELCOME AUTOGRAPHED PICTURE OF VICE PRESIDENT FOR DISPLAY IN OFFICIAL GUEST HOUSE.

4. MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT VICE PRESIDNET AGREE TO ACCEPT GIFT OF VASE AS TOKEN OF TRAIDTIONAL FRIEND-SHIP AND SOLIDARITY BETWEEN BERLIN AND THE US, AND THAT HE RECIPROCATE APPROPRIATELY WITH SIGNED PHOTOGRAPH TO BE PRESENTED WITHER ON OCCASION OF VISIT OR AT LATER DATE. DAVIS

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